

DATE: September 14, 2006

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 784** – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

On August 14, 2006, the Plainfield Renewable Energy LLC (PRE) submitted a petition to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need would be required for the construction and operation of a biomass fueled electric generating facility in the Town of Plainfield, Connecticut.

PRE proposes to construct a 37.5 megawatt Class I biomass electric generating facility on a 27-acre parcel in Plainfield. The parcel is a former Superfund site and is zoned industrial. The site is approximately 1,500 feet from an existing electrical substation. The facility would use wood fuel from various sources such as tree thinnings, pallets, and recycled waste wood.

II. Proposed Schedule

Petition received	08/14/06
Completeness review	09/14/06
Pre-hearing Questions	(tentative dates)
• Set-One Filed	09/21/06
• Set-One responses due	10/10/06
• Set-Two Filed	10/24/06
• Set-Two responses due	11/07/06
Pre-hearing conference (10 a.m.)	10/18/06
Pre-filed testimony due	11/09/06
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/09/06
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	11/16/06
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	11/16/06
Close of Record	12/15/06
Draft Findings of Fact	12/28/06
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/18/07

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